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BY

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AUTHOR OF "VICOROUS DAUNT. BILLIONAIRE"

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Madame was sitting fully dressed in

stared desperately at the window.

ight or rather this morning, a man rought you here, carried by two women Lord Francis understood. Yes, it's true-

What, not—" she shut her lips of a sudden very tightly, but Cressingham's inspiration had come to him. "Yes," he whispered; "I am a nihilist. I joined years ago in a mad moment and

Madame watched him with glowing "Go on!" she muttered. This man, as I told you, made a sign which I was compelled to recognize and obey. He had you carried into this room, commanded me to keep you hidden here until he should send for you."

My God, why, why! I cannot tell," sald Cressingham Describe him to me!" she cried. I saw so little of him; he wore a great

at and was masked. Was he tall or short?" out medium height.

What sign did he make?" dear, that I may not tell you. Was it this?" Madame thrust out her hand and made a curious motion with her yawned and buried his face in a book, fingers. Cressingham affected to start,

same time her evebrows. Cressingham sprang to his feet. "Kate, he cried, "don't tell me you are a

'I could not tell."

him," she cried angrily. "Had he a thick, affianced? Madame blushed divinely and 'No, clean shaven."

see his teeth?" let me remember. Something quite ardently. struck me about his teeth or mouth, or something at the time, I think. I can't under twenty).
recall. I was so upset."

though.

Madame shivered all over and closed to admonish him. her eyes. Presently she looked up and "Frank, dear, be generous; am I not at said: "We are in danger. Frank—the pair your mercy? I trust you, Frank," she of us. I know the man; he was once my whispered.
lover, and he has been for a long time. Her affectation baffled him. A few short

kill us both. We must escape.

Useless, Kate."

"The man, whoever he was, has left a been devoted to the exploration of the

Leyword and story dressed as the present trible. There is a summary of the control of the present and assess the story of the control of the present and assess the trible of the present and assess the present fice; the other is a bitter enemy of our society. Let me think! There is a rea-

The countess was as he had left her, a little more imperious, perhaps.

"Really, Frank, I am very patient, but my fortitude has a limit. Here have I been forcibly abducted and delayed from going to my dying father's bedside. I demand to know at once the reason of such an autrage and to be immediately rethe problems and very hardsome dandy. But his trouble was weated on madame, it, indeed, he had undergone that trouble he had a manual to the chair with her eyes shut, she maintained peries testelence for so long that he guested she must be sleeping. He turned at last limited particles are not she had been as the selection of the way to a moment's temper, and had she must be sleeping. He turned at last limited particles are not she had but to beliair for companionship, but when aout to speak the lackey put his fingers to his lips with a gesture too impressive to be misunderstood, and walking slowly to the room door, stood with his hands and commenced to use the deaf and dumb alphabet, which, fortunately, Lord Francis understood.

"Madame listens," he telegraphed on his fingers. There what you told her. See had the would not be supported by the manual polymetric which, fortunately, Lord Francis understood.

"Madame listens," he telegraphed on his fingers. The hard what you told her. See hard what you told her. Even and a long silence, which no one cared to you."

"Mo matter; I shall not allow that sort of practice here. Madame has not wings, therefore she cannot fiy. You have no hard five and from the room, bauging the deer sampled him. A short page set with his force and the world, so that he missed the madly urgod him to help madame, come to you."

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She must be sleeping. He turned at last instantly repented. He was a man, she only a woman; he should have pardoned but when acut to speak the lackey put her. Even as he relented, there came a It would choke me, besides I— An- his fingers to his lips with a gesture uple of hours after you left me last his hands and commenced to use the deaf

have never been able to shake off the of practice here. Madame has not wings, rid his brain of thought, and rest. As a therefore she cannot fly. You have no horrid dream, he saw the women present-"Mon Diu!" growled the man. "I was told to keep an eye on her, and must them. She was utterly unconscious, and "Who gave you such orders, you insothat his heart cried out in very pity for swear.

"A thousand pardins, monseigneur, had no intention to offend-I-1-"

Bellair smiled his approbation and took a chair some distance off. Cressingham proached him. "Better put on your yawned and buried his face in a book, thickest coat," he murmured; "the night At last madame wanted tea; it was afhis head. ter 4 and she was so thirsty. Bellair was called into the room, and after some and bit the knuckle, raising at the by-pley, which involved the acceptance of a heavy brirbe, he was induced to go out for tea and also to order dinner, provided that he was allowed to lock monsence. Naturally madame was at first velepod the city, and the streets through terribly shocked at the mere suggestion of such a thing, but she was hungry and Cressingham specious. Were they no

She had effected quite a tollette during Madame turned deathly pale. "Did you her lonely hours. The man marveled at her appearance and complimented her

Madame blushed (really she appeared No recollection of Miss Elliott came to Were they set wide apart and very disturb him. He (pardon him, Fidelity; flow?"

Constancy, forgive!) approached the T believe they were. I can't swear to chair, and, kneeling by madame, implored

a kiss. Madame held up a rosy forefinger "Frank, dear, be generous; am I not at

madly jealous of you. He has brought hours before had she not begged him to me to you, intending to get us together to accompany her abroad, had she not nesfled in his arms, a passionate, world-for-Who is he?" asked Cressingham getting creature, anxious only for his gerly. love? And now-he could not understand 'I dare not tell you. But I must es. her. therefore quite humanely became of-

fended at her coldness. And madame! She was in her element. DAILY COURT RECORD.

she knew them thoroughly; her knowledge had been bought dearly enough, as madame in infrequent moments of self-ques-tioning reflection had sometimes recog-

his servants. Of course, I was very surpsired, but he made a sign—I ought to tell
fingers. "I heard what you told her. behind them. A short pause succeeded,
then a sharp, quickly smothered cry—and
then a sharp, quickly smothered cry—and

Not Mons. Kaputsky-I'll her state, the more perhaps, because her face had lost a great part of its beauty in the pallor of the drug. He watched them "Yes, I know, and shall presently in-form him of your insolence." bear her carefully away, and noted, half-dazed, that the house was wrapped in dazed, that the house was wrapped in silence; that the clock's hands almost stood at 2. One dim consolation "Keep silent, then, and let me try to seemed remaining: presently he would be foroget your presence here."

But that, too, faded. Von Oeltjen ap-"What!" said Cressingham; "I am wanted, too?" is bitter cold."
"What!" sa

"Why, certainly! Hasten, please. Soon he found himself in a carriage seated beside the count, a carriage that bore them swiftly and unfalteringly through the gloom, for a gray mist enwhich they passed were utterly deserted.

TO BE CONTINUED TO-MORROW.

REWARD!

The Washington Herald will pay a liberal reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons found stealing copies of this paper from homes. There has been systematic pilfering of this sort in different parts of the city with the obvious purpose of annoying subscribers and crippling The Herald's delivery system. The police have been on the alert for several days to catch the thieves, and The Herald will reward others who assist in the capture and conviction.

could really have eclipsed madame's, and wondered more to remember and realize how comparatively few were those women cherished by history whose supreme beauty had been equaled by their virtues. "Is there not something evil in beauty?" he asked himself; and he found the question impossible to answer.

"Do you know what I am thinking?" asked madame suddenly.

"No.—tell me, dear."

"I am wishing I had met you years ago, that we had married, that I was—ah, do not laugh at me, Frank—that I was—ah, do not laugh at me, Frank—that

to file reply brief herein on motion of Mr. J. Gray Lucas for the petitioner.

No. 318. Southern Railway Company, petitoaner, vs. Mattie J. Stutts, administratrin, &c.: petition for a writ of certionari to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Fifth circuit submitted by Mr. Geotge E. Hamilton in behalf of Mr. Milton Haines for the petitioner, and by Mr. Richard W. Walker for the respondent.

FROM WOMAN'S VIEWPOINT.

From the position of bank president, with a salary that means comfort, a degree of luxury and considerable leisure, to sorting brooms in prison is quite a fall, and might reasonably be expected to serve as an object lesson. We talk glibly of what we will do or would do under certain circumstances but there is always the penalty to be considered, and the moment or hour of satisfaction is not worth the price demanded

Loss of freedom is something that cannot be fully appreciated till experienced, and added to that is a period of uncertainty, loss of respect and loyalty, and sometimes even affection. How can wife or children continue to love a man for whom they can have no shred of respect? It is asking a good deal of human nature to expect fidelity through long years of shame and bitter humiliation, and in some fashion this fact ought to be brought home to men who are in positions to be tempted from the path of honor. The laws regarding bank wreckers are much too lenient. The pall of misery

demand a punishment in proportion. Robbing one person and robbing thousands should not be classed as similar crimes, and I am much inclined to the method adopted by the ruling power of China a century or so ago, and the one suggested by the present Sultan of Morocco. The former beheaded a thievish bank official and forever present Sultan of Morocco. The former beheaded a thievish bank official and forever put a stop to the practice of stealing trust funds, and the latter had something significant to say about a whip and its power.

It has been said that some persons suffer more in one year than others could in ten, but who is to determine such a nice point? From the viewpoint of an item, but who is to determine such a nice point? From the viewpoint of an item, but who is to determine such a nice point? From the viewpoint of an item of the states as Samuer Stephens and David J. Horn, surety; forfeited recognizance from Police Court; \$1,000. Plaintiff's attorney, D. W. Backer.

No. 6865. John W. Lohr et al. vs. The Title Guaranty and Surety Company, bond \$500. Plaintiff's attorney, W. C. Balderston.

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George Browp, 23, and Brucilla Byrd, 19, Ret. in ten, but who is to determine such a nice point? From the viewpoint of an outsider we have to pay attention to the length of a punishment, and a lifetime

is none too long, in my opinion, for the explation of crime that takes hope, faith,

one dishonest man is able to spread over the homes of hard-working families should

and charity from the hearts of people who need all three to sweeten their hard lives. Extreme punishments, perhaps, might work a reform where short ones do not. Possibly a man would hesitate to steal with such a risk staring him in the face. I know that awful punishments do not deter murderers, but they are temporary rarily blinded by rage. Thieves are cool-headed and long-headed as their elaborate plans prove. They could not possibly forget the inevitable disclosure and its results at least, the majority would remember. Thew few who trust to time to make good their losses would probably be as blind as bats through egotism. I inagine that those of us who can worry along comfortably on a modest salary have little sympathy with the ambitions of men whose incomes are ample and whose work is both pleasant and easy. We can not understand the restlessness which the sight and thoughts of great sums of money bring. For myself, I have never understood the feeling some persons express to own everything beautiful they see. These cravings are the evil voices that urge to crime, I suppose, and yet so many of the beautiful things we see would do us no good; they would even

be out of place in our lives. What is the sense of ownership under such circum

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81.—Tower vs. Ladd. Attorneys, L. H. David—
W. P. Plumley.

115.—Bengel vs. Knapp. Attorneys, Marion Duckett
& Son.—Wilson & Barksdale.

113.—Brown vs. Douglats. Attorneys, Irving Williamson and Thomas Walker—M. T. Clinisscales and
W. C. Martin.

123.—Ray vs. Foy. Attorneys, W. W. Boarman
and Hayden Johnson—John L. Johnson and E. C.
Dutton.

127.—Marbury vs. Lusky. Attorneys, J. I. Peyser
and J. A. Hicks—Thompson & Lasky.

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United States vs. Albert Mynit, alias Alber Mynat; motion for new trial slied. Assignment for Tuesday, October 16, 1306; United States vs. Herman Sullivan. Probate Court. JUSTICE GOTLD Estate of Simeon T. Neal; will dated October 22

90., filed. Estate of Anna W. Kummell; letters of admi Estate of Anna W. Kummell; letters of administration granted to Tillio Beresford; bond, \$500.
Attorneys, Bates Warren and William L. Browning. In re Lawrence B. Weeks; order appointing Harriet A. Weeks guardian; bond, \$20,050. Attorneys, Hamilton, Colbert & Hamilton,
Estate of Ellen M. Kennedy; order to sell real estate. Attorney, John Lewis Johnson.
Estate of Simon T. Neal; petition for probate of will filed. Attorney, James T. Hunter.
Estate of Nancy Bishop; order authorizing payment of sum in lien of annual legacy.
In re Dwight B. Galt et al.; order to advance funds. Attorney, Lonis A. Dent.
Estate of David E. Sharretts; will admitted to Epiboate and letters of administration c. t. a. granted to Sidney T. Thomas; bond, \$1,500. Attorney, S. T.

Thomas.

Estate of Ellen Murphy; will admitted to probate and letters testamentary granted to Elizabeth T. McCort; bond, \$200. Attorney, J. A. Maédel. Estate of Little C. Osmun; order to sell securities. Attorney, John B. Larner.
Estate of Charles G. Zange; will dated October 6, 1291, filed, with petition for probate. Attorneys, Lester & Price.

Augusta Elwood vs. John H. Von Doh-

Geofroy; to appoint trustee. Complainant's solicitor, A. H. Bell.

Law Suits. 48864. United States vs. Samuel Stephens and S.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

American University Park—Galen L. Tait et al. to John B. Armstrong, lot 6, block 12, 5600.

No. 153 Heckman street southeast—T. Franklin Schneider et ux. to William G. Lang, lot 50, allorama Heights—Margaret G. Parsons George W., to Emma J. Bev. 130.

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William J. O'Donnell, lots 112 and 113, square 125, \$3.650.

W. F. Swartzell, part original lot 23, square 238, \$6.600. George W. F. Swartzell ct ux. convey same property to Courad Richter, \$100.

street southcast, between Fourteenth and Fifteenth streets—Thomas T. Luckett et ux. to Ross McMullen, lot 55, square 1962, \$10.

street northwest, between Seventsenth and Eighteenth streets—The Sisters of the Visitation of Washington to the Epiphany Church Home lots 32 and 33 and weet half lot 31, square 180, \$10.

Cowan et al. vs. Jones; continued for the term.

Plaintiff's attorneys, Ralston & Siddons; defendant's attorneys, H. E. Davis.

Beasley vs. Baltimone and Philadelphia Raifroad Company; venict for plaintiff for \$1,850. Plaintiff's attorneys, McKenney & Flannery.

Assignment for Tuesday, October 16, 1996.

19-Dugan vs. Sweeney. Attorneys, A. H. Bell-J, B. Green.

134-Schantz vs. Bliss. Attorneys, C. F. Diggs-J.

J. Darlington.

136-Walker vs. Hoover. Attorneys, Archer & Smith-George F. Williams.

190-Dahlke vs. Davis. Attorneys, Archer & Smith-George F. Williams.

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190-Dahlke vs. Davis. Attorneys, Archer & Smith-Federick S. Smith to Carrie K. S. Lee, lots 455, 486, and part of lot 283, 510. D street southwest, between Four-and-s-half and Sixth streets. Francis Hall et al, to the Manor Real Estate and Trust Company, part of equare 433, 55,000.

Quitclaim Deeds.

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Guare 546—Mary A. Wadhems et vir, W. Grant, to Frank McCormick, lot 223, 51. Square 1253—William J. O'Donnell to Mary O'Don-nell, lots 141, 142, and 143, 510. Square 1257—Charles Matthews to Henry J. Good-man, part of lot 223, 510. White Croft—James M. White et ux. to the Vestry of Rock Creek Parish, lot 7, block 4, 507,79.

Deeds of Trust. Cuckold's Delight and Enclosure—John H. Haske to
Mark F. Finley and Hary T. Wilder, to secure
Adolph J. Schippert, 8709, 1 to 24 months, 6
per cent, part lot 4.

Square 621—Augustus F. Burkly to Albert A. Wilson
and John B. Larner, to secure Washington Loans,
and Trust Company, 35,009, 3 years, 5 per cent,
semi-annually, lot 47. Same to Clarence F. semi-annually, lot 47. Same to Clarence F. Donchoe and Charles W. Boyle, to secure J. Raymond Thorn, \$1,300, 1 to 25 menths, 6 per cent, lot 47. Same to Frank E. Rapp and William G. Dunne, to secure A. F. Edwards, \$300, 1 to 12 months, 6 per cent, let 47. Pleasant Plains-George A. Hundley et ux to Harry L. Bust and Benjamin S. Minor to secure Hareld L. Johnson, \$1,000, 3 years, 5 per cent, semi-annually, part lot 4. Square 28—Conrad Richter et ux to Chapin Brown and Henry H. Bergman to secure Oriental Building Association No. 6, \$4,200, part, oriental Building Association No. 6, \$4,200, part, oriental Building Association No. 6, \$4,200, part, oriental let 23

and Henry H. Bergman to secure Oriental Building Association No. 6, \$1,200 part, original lot 23.

South Grounds Columbian University—Harry L. Ludwig et ux. to Henry H. Bergmann and Coaries Schafer, to secure Northern Liberty German. Schafer, to secure Northern Liberty German-American Building Association No. 6, \$4,500, lot 70. Square 1962-Ross McMullen et ux. to F. William

per cent, not so, per cent, sexually, lot 97, block 8.

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Deuglas-Julia Alice Martin to Campbell Carrington
and Thomas Walker, to sacure David Evans,
\$21, one to fifty-seven months, 6 per cent, lot 5.

Square 51—May T. Speer and others to William E.
Edmonston and W. Clarence Duvall, to secure
J. Albert Duvall, 22,600, three years, 5 per cent,
semi-annually, lot 32.

Addition to Washington Heights-Edward B. Olney
et ux. to Odell S. Smith and Jacob W. Belt, to
secure Clarence F. Normeet, 50,800, five years, 5
per cent, semi-annually, lot 37. Same to asme,
to secure same, \$2,750, one to diffy-five months, 5
per cent, lot 37.

Square 481—Anita E. Phillips et vir. Samuel to
Chapin Brown and Henry H. Bergmann, to secure Oriental Building Association No. 6, \$1,000,
lot 20.

Square 162—Thomas W. Grimes et ux. to William

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Square 162—Thomas W. Grimes et ux. to William
J. Flather and Charles W. Simpson, to secure
John M. Jones, \$7,000, three years, 5 per cent. semi-annually, lot 5.

Square 364—Henry Shoehy et ux. to Watson J. Newton and William H. Saunders, to secure Amory K. Tingle, S3.600, three years, 5 per cent, semi-annually. Part of original lot 6.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Major H. Robb, Z. and Eleanor N. Kirkley, 21.
Washington, D. C. Rev. George W. King.
James Sumner Collins, 47. Detroit, Mich., and
Katherine Files Garner, 39. Mobile, Ala. Rev.
Robert M. Moore.
Louis J. Rogers, 23. Washington, D. C. and
Evelyn Cordoza, 23, San Francisco. Rev. D. L.
MacLeod.
Valentine M. Crawford, Z. and Nettie L. E. Av. No. 2862. Lettie O. Tasker vs. Henry C. Tasker; maintenance. Complainant's solicitors, D. C. Stuller and W. E. Ambrose.
No. 2860. Mabel Callahan vs. Harry J. Callhan; limited divorce. Complainant's solicitor, W. W. Letter and W. E. Ambrose.
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1 Douglas.

No. 28609. Samuel T. G. Morsell vs. George de teofroy; to appoint trustee. Complainant's solicitor, A. H. Bell.

No. 28610. Catherine Harper against Frank Harper; livorce. Complainant's solicitors, W. Gwynn Garliner and E. N. Hopewell.

No. 28611. Emily C. Burke vs. Thomas E. Burke; Rev. Thomas G. Smyth.

Richard C. M. Calvert, 33, and Joe Ammen Davis, 24. Rev. George C. Carter.

Albert J. Gutekunst, 40, and Julia Fisher, 36, Rev. John M. Cooper.

Rev. E. Hez Swen.

Lawrence N. Froman, 23, Richmond, Va., and Manuel L. Wempje, Richmond, Va., Rev. J. J. Muir.

Ernest V. Carr, 23, and M. Virginia Johnson, 23. tor, A. H. Bell.

No. 2660. Catherine Harper against Frank Harper; divorce. Complainant's solicitors, W. Gwynn Gardiner and E. N. Hopewell.

No. 26611. Emily C. Burke vs. Thomas F. Burke; divorce. Complainant's solicitor, Charles H. Turner.

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1253 \$8.675. leave to file a bill to restrain the carrying